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LARGE ATTENDANCE AT FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Miss Nancy McNeillie took place at the Protestant cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, with the bereaved father, Mr. D. McNeillie, and brother, Mr. F. McNeillie, as chief mourners among a very large attendance.

On its arrival at the gates of the cemetery, the coffin was taken from the flower-laden hearse and borne by six friends to the graveside, these being Messrs. D. McLean, N. Currie, W. Bell, Mr. Atwell, K. Kerr and W. Bell, Jr.

The service at the graveside was performed by the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Among those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. M. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. S. Wotherspoon, Mr. and Mrs. S. Amery, Mr. and Mrs. C. Summers, Mr. and Mrs. G. McLeod and John McLeod, Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dalziel, Mr. and Mrs. B. Muir, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hickling, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laing, Mrs. J. Sloan, Mrs. McAlpine, Mrs. J. Mitchell, Miss J. Whyte, Miss Wallace, Miss Bell, Miss Finley.

Messrs. H. Hall, N. Currie, J. Drummond, J. MacPherson, J. Ferguson, T. Barker, C. C. Nelson, J. C. Chapman, A. H. R. Phillips, J. O'Brien, D. Gow, J. Poisson, J. Russell, D. Young, G. Gerrard, M. F. Souter, C. B. Matthews, McLean, D. Young, G. Gerrard, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lammert, Mr. and Mrs. J. Finnie, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Hyde and family.

"A.E.H.", J. T. Lacey, D. McLean, W. D. Bell, N. S. Ellis, J. C. Ferguson, D. M. MacDougall, J. L. MacPherson, L. Whant, S. Hope, J. A. Watson, C. B. Matthews, N. Drummond, Mr. E. Allen, G. Yundeen, Ng Tai Cheong, A. Basto, K. R. Duncan, M. F. Key, J. E. Hansen and Connie, E. R. Dovey, T. P. Saunderson, R. A. Ferguson, W. H. Bell, W. Bell, Jr., L. R. Duncan and Miss A. E. de D. Dyer, W. Robertson, N. MacArthur, G. T. May, S. A. Rumjahn, J. S. McLaren.

Mrs. D. K. Blair and the Misses Blair, Mrs. C. W. E. Bishop, Mrs. K. W. Maurice-Jones, Mrs. M. Steele, Betty and Audrey, Madam E. Lemaitre, Mrs. G. V. Stublings and Eileen, Mrs. J. Dalziel and Jean.

Eunice and Eileen-de Biere, Miss Adair, Miss A. E. Steele, Miss MacArthur, Miss I. W. Butler, Miss Westland and Miss Kerr; Eileen Bliss, Evelyn O'Hagan, Marjorie Bird, Evelyn M. Gray, Winifred Lawson, Catherine O. Cruthier, Winifred Sutton.

From the Girls of the A.P.C.; European Staff Accounts Dept., A.P.C.; Chinese Colleagues, Sales Dept., A.P.C.; The Hongkong Ladies Hockey Club; The Hongkong Hockey Club, K.B.S.F.P.A.; Ladies Hockey Section; Club de Recreio, Ladies Hockey Section; Teachers and Scholars, Quarry Bay Sunday School, Sunday Schools of Union Church, The London Missionary Society; The Members of the Choir,

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A new picture of the King and Queen taken at Windsor Castle recently.



Photo taken after the wedding in New York of Mr. B. Friedman and Miss Shirley Immorman. Friedman was formerly a noted star on the football field.



Max Schmeling, arriving in New York to train for his Stribling contest.



Lady Wilkins, wife of the famous explorer, is reported to have expressed a desire to join the trip of the Nautilus to the North Pole. It is understood that Sir Hubert has consented.



Our photo shows Bobby Jones, the world's leading golfer, and Max Schmeling the heavyweight champion of the world, during a match at Atlanta recently.



Photo taken in rural Arkansas showing the Post Office at Lost Corner which is being used as a relief centre. Right, is one of the drought victims going home with supplies obtained from the relief organisers.



The American sextette and their second stringers, who defeated China by 31 to 25 in the final of the ladies' section of the International Basketball Championship in Shanghai recently.



Our photo, taken in Shanghai recently, shows part of the crowd of gay revellers at the dance given by the Armoured Car Company of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps. Brig. Gen. MacNaughton, Captain J. W. Hinckley, and the O.O.s. of other Companies were among the guests.

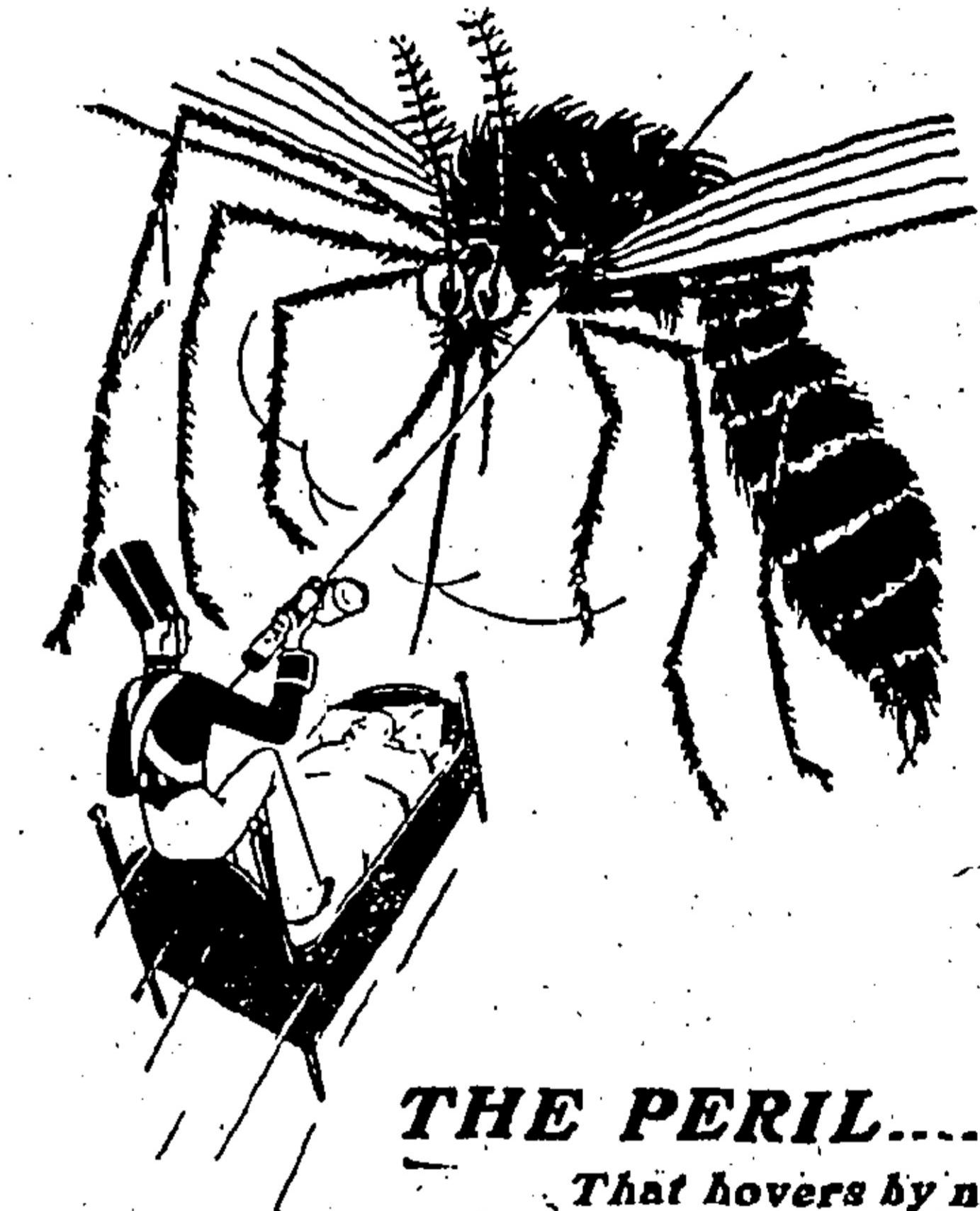


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Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that we have to-day admitted Mr. Shi Yu Man as a partner in our Firm.

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Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

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N. V. A. CROUCHER.
Dated the 1st day of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

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D. L. KING,
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Hongkong, 1st April, 1931.

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NOTICE.

Draft Programmes and Entry

Forms for the Third Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 18th April, 1931, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.

Entries close at 12 o'clock noon

on Thursday, 9th April, 1931.

C. J. ENDERT,
Manager.

Hongkong, 30th March, 1931.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$2040 n.

Chartered Bank, \$16 n.

Mercantile A. and B., \$241/2 n.

East Asia \$118 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$13.80 n.

Union Ins., \$680 n.

China Underwriters, \$430 1/2 n.

China Fires, \$520 n.

H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$241/2 s.

H. K. Steamboats, \$25 1/2 b.

Indo-China, (Dot.), \$80 n.

Union Waterboats, \$35 1/2 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$30 1/2 b.

Kailan, \$30 1/2 n.

S'hal Explorations, Tls. 5 1/2 b.

Raubs, \$38 1/2 b.

Venz: Goldfields \$3.75 b.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$161 n.

Whampoa Docks, \$29 1/2 n.

South China Motors \$10 n.

China Providents, \$5.10 b.

Hongkew, Tls. 282 b.

New Engineers, Tls. 6 1/4 b.

Shanghai Docks, Tls. 113 n.

Cottons.

Two Cotton Tls. 14.85 s.

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Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$14.40 b.

H. K. Land \$85 n.

S'hai Land Tls. 418 b.

Humphreys, \$16.00 s.

Realities, \$11.30 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17 1/2

Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 n.

Star Ferries, \$91 n.

Chim Lights, (old) \$24.70 s.

H. K. Electrics, \$78 1/2 b.

Telephones, \$49 b.

China Buses, Tls. 18.20 n.

Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.

Malabons \$40 s.

Canton Ices, \$30 30 n.

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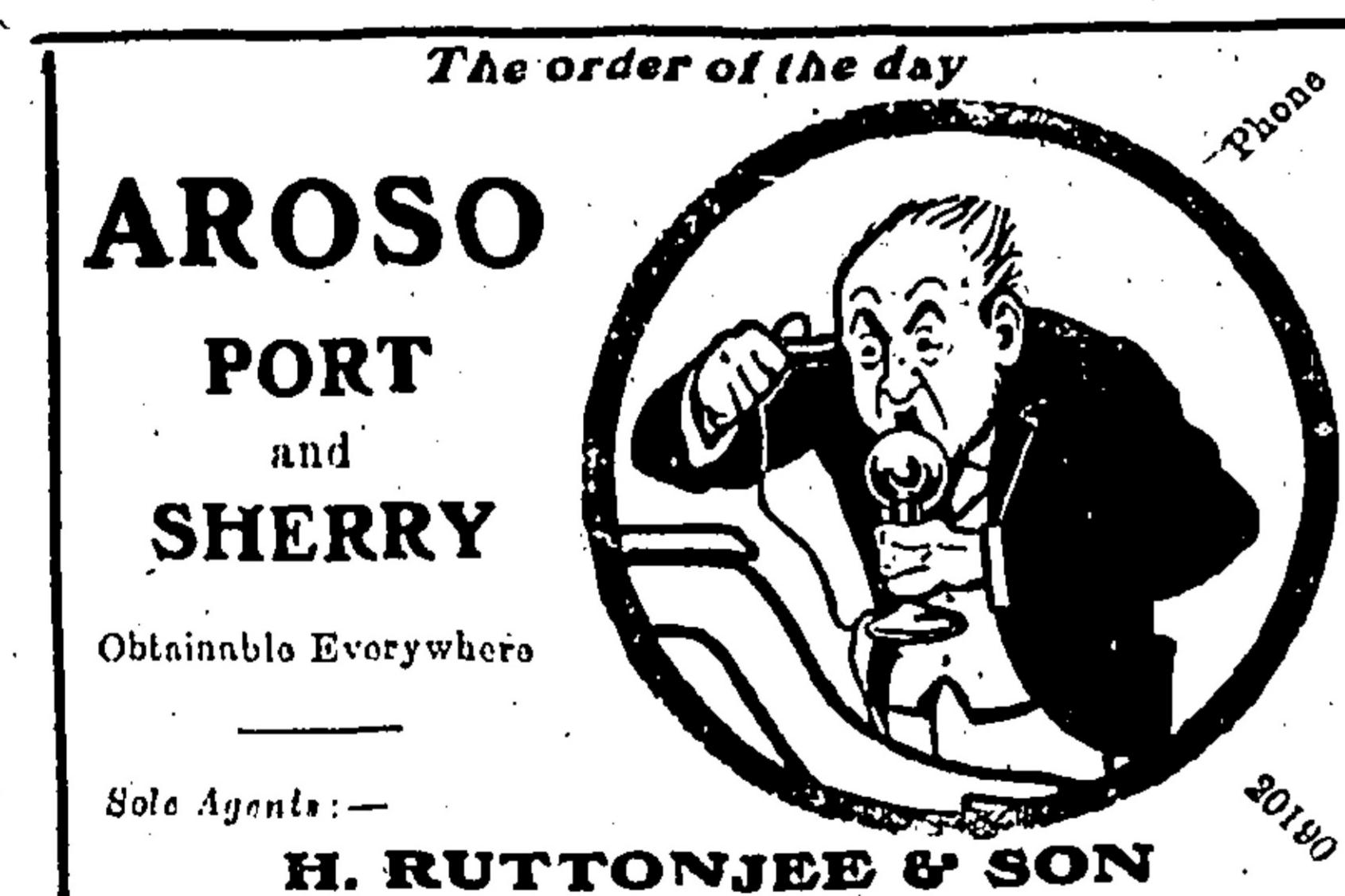


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WOMEN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Exclusive—For Youth.



Demure or vivacious, youth has its own fashion this spring.

Left: A square cut decolletage, quaint ruffled short sleeves, and a sash of black velvet give naivete to a party frock for Miss 18, fashioned of chiffon in the new pastel blue Paris is wearing.

Right: For the dashing young Miss, spring is personified in a crisp white party frock of plain and embroidered organdie combined so that the peplum bodice and tight hip yoke is embroidered, the flaring skirt plain white, and the little off-the-shoulder bertha of the plain organdie. A bow and sash of black velvet accents the whiteness of this sweet frock.

YOUR CHILDREN.

(By Olive Roberts Barton.)

I felt like snatching the baby up in my arms and running, not only because it would have been a good excuse for me to retreat from the lion house, but because it was very cruel for her to be there.

She had babbled with delight at the birds, the silly peacock spreading their tails and slowly turning to be admired, the clown crew performing before an amused audience. In the monkey house she had matched stares with an old blue-faced baboon and won, for the monkey has no fondness for eye-to-eye conflict.

Outside she ringed her small nose in the wire around the deer pen. She hissed "buffalo" after her father when he told her "what 'ose funny sing" were.

Then a turn and they were in the house where leo felis, his brothers and consorts were getting hungry for their five o'clock tea. Across the wide stone aisle Bengal tigers were blinking their narrow eyes, and licking their whiskers.

That Awesome Roar.

Suddenly there was a hollow roar. You know the sound. No one can describe it. It is characteristic of the lion's voice that it cannot be located. It comes from everywhere at once, behind you, before you, beside you, engulfing you in a cataclysm that sends fresh horror down the spine with every volley.

And that baby was frantic with terror. Her eyes became fixed, then her face reddened and she started to whimper in a little low tired voice. A lusty shriek would have been less ominous. She

grabbed her father's leg with both arms and buried her face in his knee.

"What's the matter, Donnie? Look up. The lion can't hurt you. See the bars? He can't get out. Don't be a cry-baby—everybody's looking at you. Come on up closer. Look! You want to see the lions, don't you?"

But there was no answer. The little body was trembling; she held on to that sheltering leg with a death clutch. He couldn't shake her loose.

Other hours followed. I retreated to sanctuary but said as I passed the baby, "Better take her out. I'm as scared as she is."

This time her father pried her loose and got her up in his arms.

He was still talking to her about not "getting scared so easily," that nothing was going to hurt her, and being a cry-baby. But she was far past hearing.

Many of us have "lions" of many sorts that we spring on the children. We're never going to overcome their dreads by sudden shocks. And little children like this baby don't need this type of awesome education anyway until a little later. Bravery never was introduced by fear.

STOCKING HANGERS.

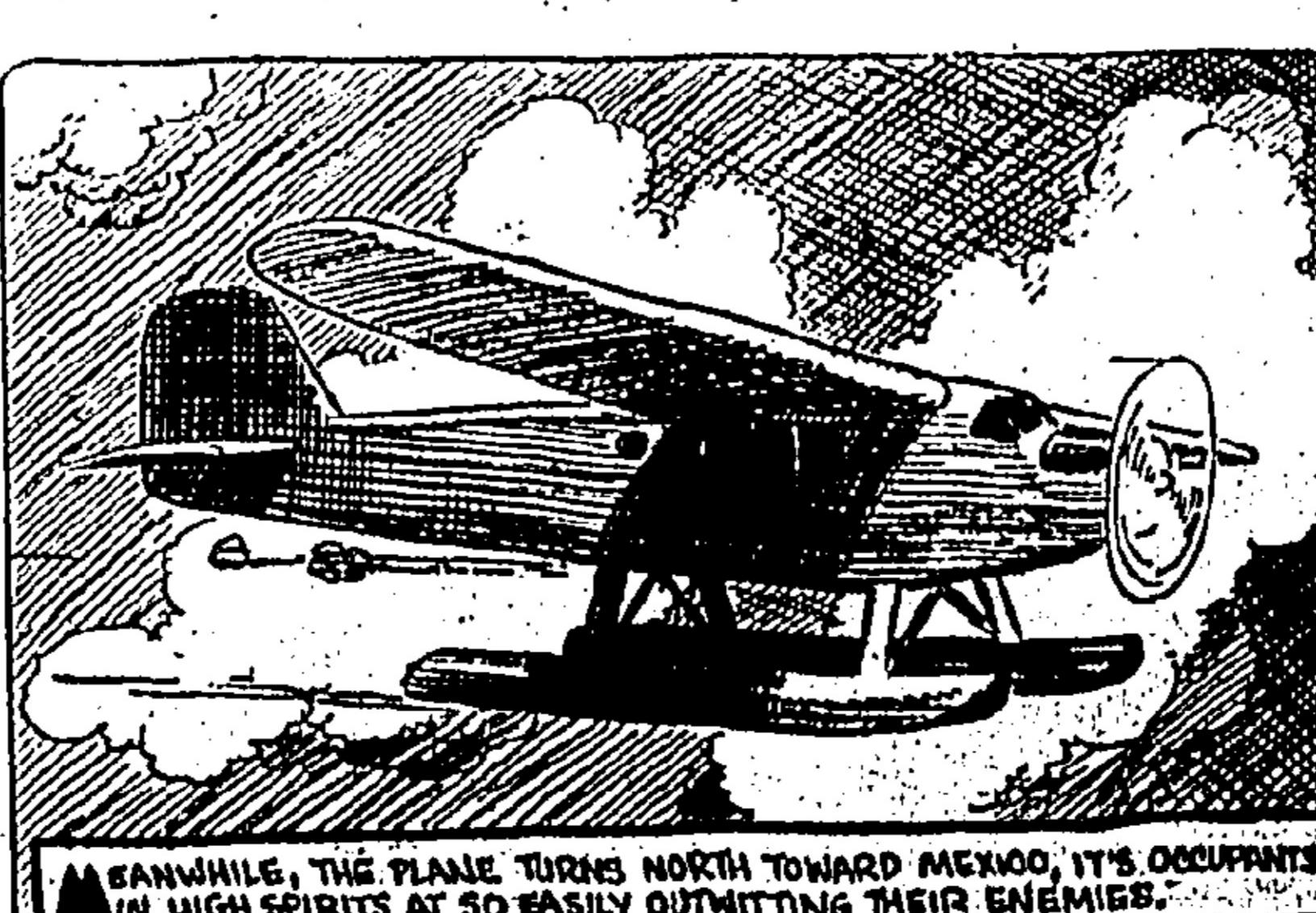
The tidy woman will appreciate the new hangers for her stockings, which keep the pairs together and do away with a muddled stocking drawer. The hangers are the usual shape, made of satin-covered wood, with numbers of tiny painted wooden pegs in the shape of clothes pegs, fixed to the hanger. Each peg opens to grip the top of a pair of stockings, and the hangers may be suspended in the usual way in a wardrobe or cupboard.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

EASY HIRE'S SEAPLANE.

HE AND COMPANIONS MET FAR OUT AT SEA, AND TAKEN OFF SHIP. HINDOOS IN RAGE!

THEY ARE HOPELESSLY LEFT BEHIND, AND CAN NOT REACH PANAMA, FOR TWO MORE DAYS.



MEANWHILE, THE PLANE TURNS NORTH TOWARD MEXICO, ITS OCCUPANTS IN HIGH SPIRITS AT SO EASILY OUTWITTING THEIR ENEMIES.

A BEAUTY HINT.

The Hair in Spring.

Spring always brings its hair problems. Tight-fitting hats, too little exercise and fresh air, a rundown condition of health all make for a drab, lack-luster appearance of the hair. The remedies are simple enough as a rule, being just scalp exercise and a scrupulous attention to cleanliness.

The scalp, like the rest of the body, needs plenty of exercise if the tissues are to remain healthy and the hair itself be glossy and full of vitality. Five minutes every morning must be devoted to vigorous brushing with a clean brush—clean every day, please. Make sure you brush right down the hair from root to tip.

This must be supplemented by nightly massage with some cleansing liquid which suits the character of the scalp. Eau-de-Cologne cannot be prated too highly as a tonic and antiseptic for oily scalps. Where the hair shows a tendency to being brittle it is better to use a tonic containing some essential oil. Your hairdresser's advice should be sought with regard to this, because the percentage of oil required by different types of hair varies considerably.

During the massage the fingers should gently pinch the scalp all over, at the same time it must be pushed up and down, forwards and backwards, with a firm enough pressure to encourage good circulation.

In addition to this daily exercising there should be a weekly oil bath, using warm olive or almond oil. This can be followed next day by the shampoo, care being taken to get a really good lather, and to rinse thoroughly. Careless rinsing is often the cause of dandruff.

Blondes will find that lemon juice in the last water brings out the lights in their tresses, and brunettes will find a tablespoonful of vinegar serve the same purpose for them.

BOOK ENDS.

A pair of charming book ends which would be appreciated by a connoisseur are fashioned of Italian marble in the form of an open book. Sitting in the centre of the book at one end is Pierrot, and at the other Pierrette, coyly glancing at one another.

Newest in Mules.



This is one of the newest mules. It is of black satin and silver kid appliqued in an interesting fret design.

They're Off

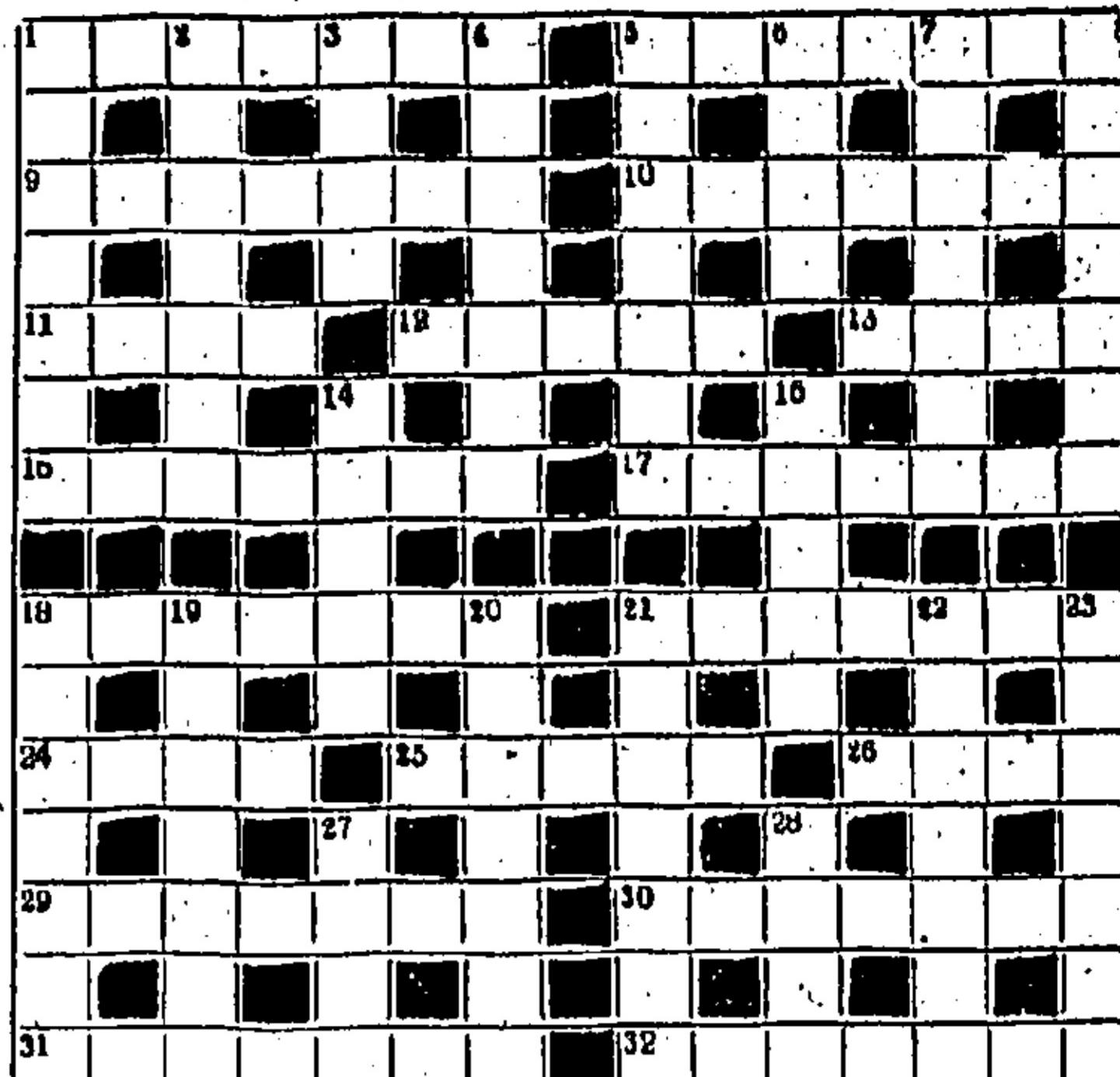


SOON, HOWEVER, THEY ENCOUNTER STRONG HEAD WINDS, AND THE PILOT BECOMES UNEASY.

COSTA RICA IS CLOSE BY, SIR. I'D ADVISE TURNING IN THERE—WE'RE RUNNING A BIT LOW ON GAS.

COSTA RICA! BAH! THAT'S THE VERY PLACE THEY'D EXPECT US TO HEAD FOR.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS:



ACROSS

- 4 Races.
- 5 When I down contains this fruit it is called a Garibaldi.
- 6 Nation.
- 7 It's the last part of this to go in when not wanted.
- 8 Most ends—all in fact—are in this position.
- 14 Famous Terry.
- 15 Playing couples would always be sure of getting a ring in this little town.
- 18 Leather is tanned here (hyphenated).
- 19 "Do rest a" little in the shade. You look terribly hot (anag.).
- 20 Fragrant.
- 21 You are thought here to be the most senseless and fit man for the constable of the watch; therefore bear you the—"Much Ado About Nothing."
- 22 A lady's maid.
- 23 Edward the First's Queen.
- 27 The apex of this cone is down-wards.
- 28 Made very cold.

Yesterday's Solution

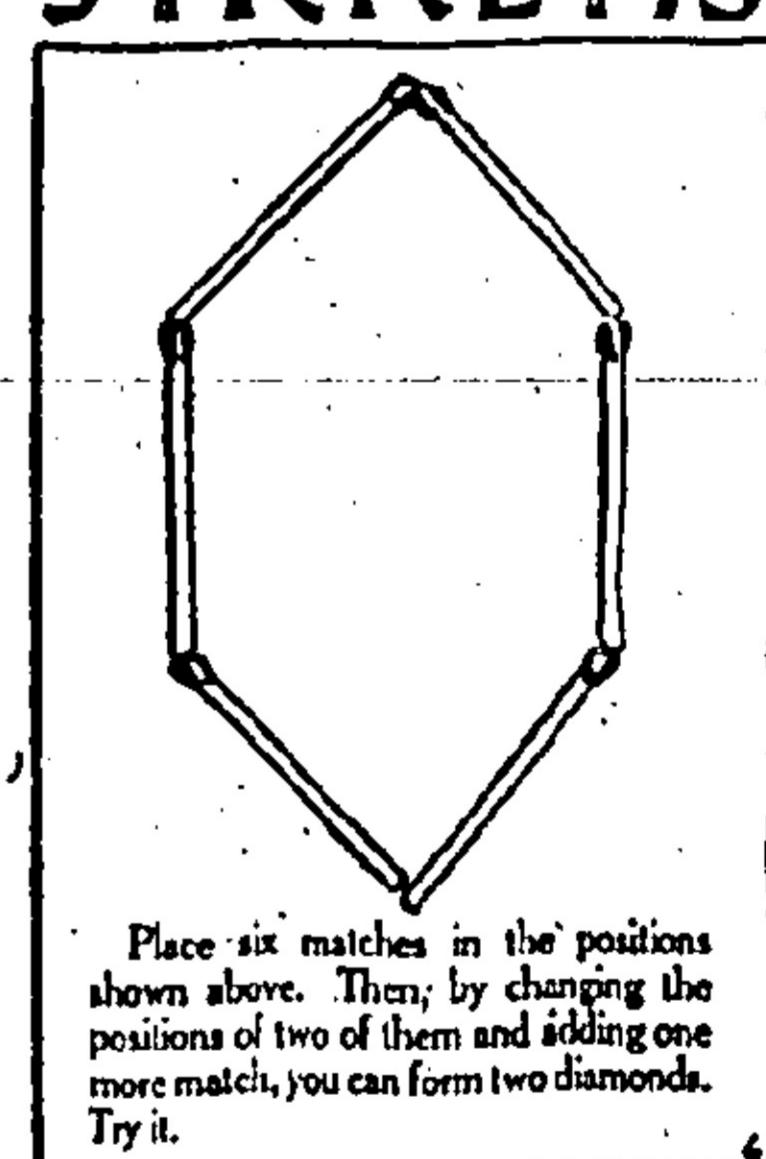
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Yesterday's Solution

THE SUN IS DAZZLING RAYS OF GOLD UPON THE MOOR, ENCHANTING SPOT, WHOSE PURPLE HEATHS BY RONALD LOVE UP OPEN TO HIS SHEPHERD BOY AND SUNDRY DENIZENS OF AIR ARE FLYING, AVE EACH TO HIS NEST, AND EAGER MAKE AT SUCH AN HOUR ALL Haste TO REACH THE MANSIONS REST.

The names of the eight English poets, which are buried in the above lines are GRAY, MOORE, BYRON, POPE, DRYDEN, GAY, KEATS and HE MANS, as shown by the large letters.

STICKERS



Place six matches in the positions shown above. Then, by changing the positions of two of them and adding one more match, you can form two diamonds. Try it.

ROUSE.

AN ALLEGED CONFESSION.

A statement purporting to be a confession by Alfred Arthur Rouse, hanged for the murder of an unknown man in his blazing car, was published in the *Daily Sketch* on Mar. 11.

Rouse is said to have met his victim near the Swan and Pyramid public-house, in Whetstone High

road, Middlesex, and bought a bottle of whisky.

"The man," the confession states, "was half-dozing—the effect of the whisky. I looked at him and then gripped him by the throat with my right hand. I pressed his head against the back of the seat. He slid down, his hat falling off. I saw he had a bald patch on the crown of his head. . . . The man was silent and I thought he was dead or unconscious.

"Also, I poured petrol over the man, and loosened the petrol union joint, and took the top off the carburetor.

"I put the petrol can in the back of the car.

"I ran to the beginning of the petrol trail and put a match to it. The flame rushed to the car, which caught fire at once."

By Blosser



BUT WELL NEVER MAKE MEXICO, SIR. STORM AREAS ARE REPORTED AHEAD OF US, AND THERE'S NOTHING BUT OPEN WATER FOR 200 MILES. A FORCED LANDING WOULD BE SUICIDE.

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B-3291—Painting the Clouds with Sunshine

"Say it With Songs"

1425—Little Pal
I Love to hear you singing

21951—Little Pal (Organ)
Why Can't You?

21952—Little Pal
Why Can't You?

21953—Why Can't You?
Used to you

21954—Little Pal
I'm in Seventh Heaven

22056—Now I'm In Love
One Sweet Kiss

22091—When You come to the end of the day,
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DEATH.

APCAR.—On April 6, 1931, at London Araratton V. Apcar died of heart failure.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1931.

THE BATHING BEACH
CONTROVERSY.

The disinclination of the Government to supply comparative figures showing the use made of the Colony's public beaches within the past year or two will naturally create in the minds of the public a belief that the

cause for refusing to supply dressing accommodation for bathers cannot be strongly supported on the alleged ground of lack of support. This, however, was the reason—the only reason—given by the Colonial Secretary when he announced in Council last week that the public matsches at Tai Wan, Haichikok, Repulse Bay and North Point are not to be opened this season. Obviously, if the Government could back up its contention by facts and figures, it would not hesitate to do so. Refusal to release the statistics is likely to increase public hostility to the Government's policy rather than to allay it. Having drawn from the authorities an announcement of its decision, the Hon. Mr. Braga would be serving the public still further if he demanded, on their behalf, the tabling of the figures which, for reasons best known to itself, the Government at present does not feel inclined to disclose.

Possibly realising the weakness of its case on figures, the Government now falls back on retrenchment as an excuse for not continuing to provide the facilities which have hitherto existed and which, despite official statements to the contrary, have been freely used and widely appreciated. "The period of retrenchment" may serve as an explanation for the holding up of various schemes and plans, but to apply it to the case of the public bathing beaches, the yearly expenditure on which is a mere fraction, is absurdity itself. Indeed, it is retrenchment gone mad. Mr. Creasy was yesterday at great pains to emphasise the point that the Government decision does not mean the closing of the public beaches, which will be still available for anyone who likes to apply for permission to erect matsches. He also spoke of Government being quite willing to consider applications from syndicates wishing to erect sheds for public use. The

general public, however, will find small comfort in these assurances. We do not imagine that anyone for a moment took the Government's decision to imply any intention of placing barbed wire around the beaches and preventing public access thereto, but, failing other interests stepping in and providing the facilities hitherto supplied by the Government, the beaches will be just as effectually closed, to the individual who cannot afford to erect his own shed, as if this were done.

What the Government fails to realise is that there is a very considerable section of the public, people who are not members of any of the bathing clubs, and who do not own motor-cars or matsches, who will be barred from enjoying summer bathing if the niggardly policy now announced is not reversed. It is for these people that we make a strong plea, which, if not responded to, will give support to the view expressed by the Rev. Mr. Armstrong that the Government is making a law for the rich against the poor.

The Colony may be badly hit as a result of the currency crisis, necessitating a regime of economy, but it surely cannot be seriously contended that we are so hard put to it that we must deprive the public of the opportunities for sea-bathing during the hot and steamy days of summer. This argument is just as unconvincing as the unsubstantiated excuse of lack of patronage. The Government seems to have an unfortunate knack of discriminating, unintentionally it may be, against those who are not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods.

It may be due to thoughtlessness, but, whatever the reason, it is most regrettable. If the authorities wish to live down this impression, they cannot do better than, without further delay, to announce that reconsideration of the matter has produced a conviction that the public will suffer if the decision is enforced, coupling the announcement with an intimation that accommodation will continue to be provided.

The Future of Airships.

The result of the exhaustive inquiry into the loss of the R.101 leaves the question of airship development in the future as open as it was before. The findings, briefly, are that the airship was not subjected to proper trials after a new section was built into her, that the stormy conditions prevailing would not normally have been severe enough to cause disaster, and that the downward plunge to destruction was caused by a catastrophic tear in the envelope and sudden loss of gas. The suggestion that the R.101 was in difficulties from the start of her last fatal cruise is not borne out by the evidence or by the Report of the Court presided over by Sir John Simon, although it is clear that the vessel was flying at a low altitude. The main criticism of her structure concerns the presence of protruding points within the framework likely to chafe the gas-bags and cause leakages. These facts stated and admitted, there appears very little in condemnation of the airship, or rather, of further airship experiment. Experience will certainly remedy the defects in the structure of the R.101; one assumes also that the greatest care will be taken to ensure adequate trials of future lighter-than-air vessels; while the American Government has already indicated willingness to provide non-inflammable gas. The result of the enquiry, therefore, will not end the controversy. It is more likely to create new discussion. There is some justification for the contention that the development of the aeroplane must soon be retarded, and that when the most has been made of this form of aircraft there will still be need for the airship. The time when aeroplanes will be able to carry the same paying loads as to-day for distances of 1,000 miles non-stop, allowing a 500-miles margin for headwinds, is not even in sight, while the standard and now defected R.101 has already demonstrated, to some extent, that the perfected airship would be capable of performing regular transport duties over even longer distances.

DAY BY DAY

HE IS HAPPY WHOSE CIRCUMSTANCES SUIT HIS TEMPER; BUT HE IS MORE EXCELLENT WHO CAN SUIT HIS TEMPER TO ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.—Hume.

The P. and O. m. Karmala, from Shanghai, is due here at 6 a.m. on Friday.

The P. and O. m. Malwa from Hongkong arrived at London on the 3rd April at 6 a.m.

The health return for the five days of the holiday shows that three cases of diphtheria were reported. Apart from this, the Colony enjoyed a clean bill of health.

Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd. have received a cable from Mr. A. Strok advising them that the performances by the Sankhoff Dancers have been cancelled for Hongkong.

It stands in need of nothing of the sort.

To put the thing numerically, the Treaty of Versailles consists of 440 articles. To at least 400 of them no moderate German could reasonably take serious exception—not to the point, at any rate, of demanding their revision. Of the remaining 40 (I doubt if there would really be anything like 40 when we go down to close examination) any moderate Frenchman would probably be willing to discard half a dozen or so. The ground of acute controversy might very well get narrowed down to about 20 articles.

Treaty Revision Talk.

By H. WILSON HARRIS.

long remain where it is. But as a more academic pronouncement it ought to go.

Another very vulnerable clause is that forbidding the union of Austria with any other State except with the unanimous consent of the League of Nations Council. Does the Treaty need revision here? I think not. Revision is a cumbersome process. It would need the concurrence of all the original signatories. If Austria really wanted to part with her independence it would be much easier to get the 14 members of the League Council than the 27 signatories of the Treaty to agree to that, and the result would be the same.

Disarmament.

In regard to the disarmament provisions there is equally little need for revision, unless indeed someone seriously desires to give Germany the right to re-arm. If what we really want is to persuade other nations to disarm, that calls for action outside the Treaty, not revision.

The reparation clauses are elastic enough, as they stand, to permit of extensive changes, and extensive changes in the amount and method of payment have in fact been made. No revision question, therefore, arises here either.

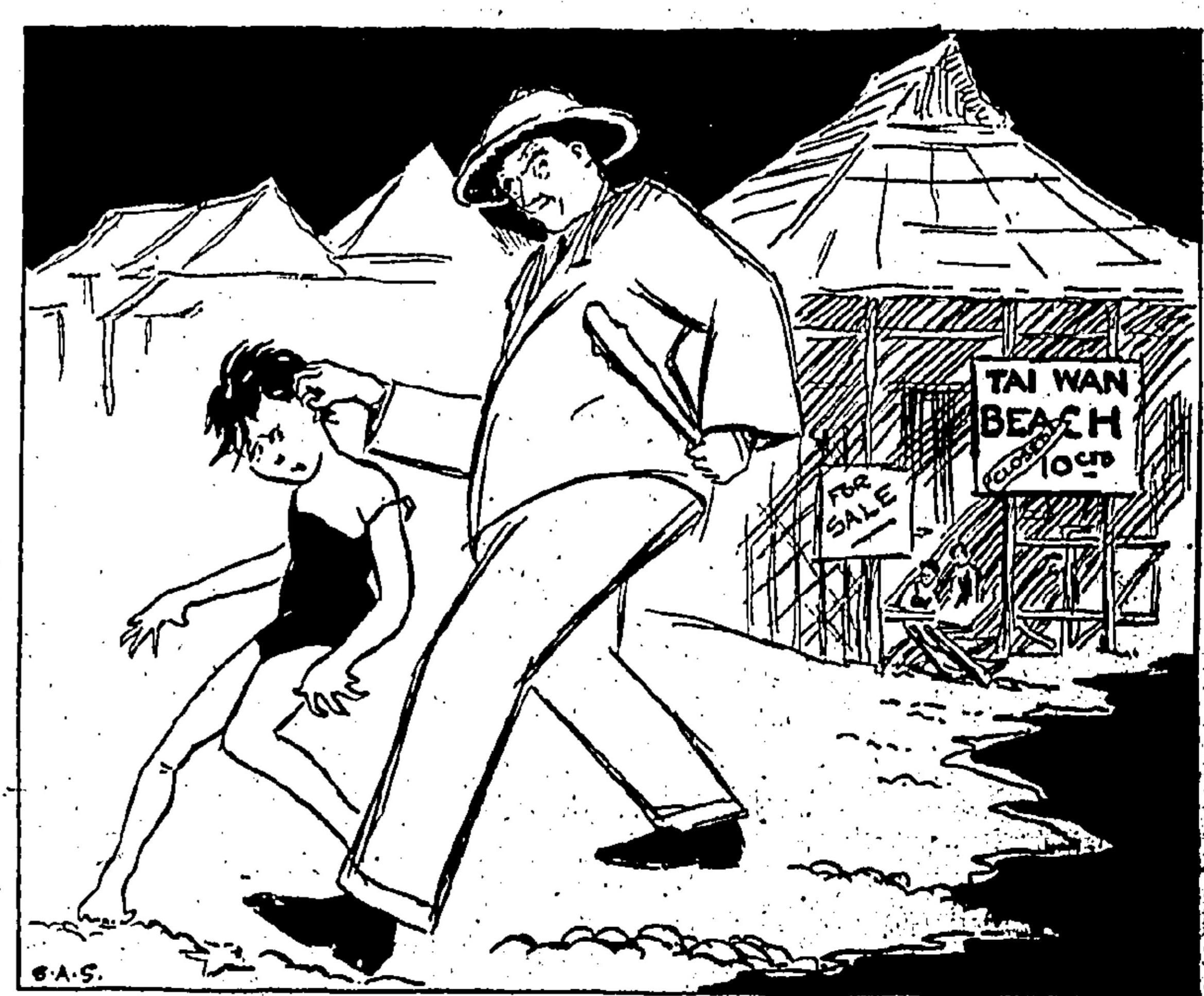
When we come to the territorial clauses the problem gets more complex. Alsace-Lorraine is settled. So, on the whole, is the destiny of the German colonies. Germany's only demand then is for a mandate for herself, and even if that were conceded it would not involve any revision of the Treaty. Complaint is made of the transference of the small areas of Eupen and Malmedy to Belgium, but that is not worth reopening now, and the Saar will settle itself in less than four years' time.

The Polish Corridor.

The one serious issue is over Germany's eastern frontier, and again it is necessary to insist that the fact that Germany dislikes the frontier is no proof in itself that the frontier needs modification. Frontier-changing, indeed, is a highly risky diversion, to be approached always with the greatest circumspection.

The question here is rather whether it might not be well worth Poland's while to try and reach some new modus vivendi with Germany regarding the regime in the coast-territory between West and East Prussia in return, for example, for a definite acceptance by Germany of the situation in Upper Silesia as she has accepted the situation in Alsace-Lorraine.

On those lines you might obtain a bit of revision by consent. You can, of course, get it in no other way. But the general point to be made—and it seems to me very well worth making—is that it is better for the stability of Europe, and far better for the individual countries concerned, to concentrate on the few points in the Treaty where revision may be claimed with some reason than to talk as if the document deserved to be torn up and re-written—which is palpable nonsense, and which is very dangerous nonsense to boot.



"If you're so keen on bathing, young fellow, why not hire a car, and bathe at Castle Peak?"

GIRL TRAFFICKER SENTENCED.**GETS TOTAL OF YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.****HABITUAL TRADER.**

Wu Chi-lam, convicted as a trafficker in girls, was sentenced by Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy this morning to a total of a year's hard labour.

The penalty inflicted was in respect of two different cases in which he is shown as having taken two girls from the Colony for the purpose of prostitution.

In the first case, the evidence revealed that in February last, after having induced Chan Yuk-tai, an 18-year-old girl, to live with him on promise of marriage, he took her to a town in Kwangsi near Kwang Chow Wan, where she was forced to practice an immoral calling until the matter came to the notice of the District Magistrate and she was rescued by the police.

On her return to Hongkong, the girl reported the matter to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs and Wu Chi-lam was arrested.

While investigations were still proceeding, a second complaint was made by Leung Yuk-chun, 25 years of age, who identified Wu as the individual who in September last deceived her with a promise of marriage and subsequently caused her to be put on a vessel bound for Indo-China.

On board, she continued, she met a man and a woman, complete strangers to her until then, who informed her that she had been sold to them. Under compulsion by these two, she practised prostitution in Annam for six months before she found the wherewithal to redeem herself and to return to Hongkong.

After hearing the evidence in both cases, which were taken separately, Mr. Schofield, in expressing the view that the case was a serious one, with no evidence of any honest occupation furnished by the accused, convicted Wu Chi-lam on three charges.

Inspector J. Murphy, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, agreed that the accused appeared to be habitual engaged in seducing girls and selling them into prostitution. He was assisted by a woman who lived with him. The woman was still at large.

On a charge of harbouring the girl Chan Yuk-tai, the accused served six months' hard labour. On each of two other charges, namely taking part in the sending of the two girls out of the Colony for the purpose of prostitution, the accused received a further three months, making an aggregate of twelve months' imprisonment.

CANTON WAR ON FANTAN.**SAY TO BE DISGRACE TO KUOMINTANG.**

Canton, Apr. 7.

The possibility of the Canton Government carrying out drastic measures to check gambling activities in Honan, the mainland opposite Canton, eventually leading to the suppression of all fantan houses is conveyed in a recommendation submitted to the Provincial Executive Council by the Canton Kuomintang Department.

The proposal says that the permitting of fantan gambling near the city is a disgrace to the Kuomintang regime. It is explained that the Kwangtung Government permitted the opening of these fantan houses at a time when the Provincial Treasury was drained by continual warfare with Kwangsi.

With the restoration of peace the Nanking Government now deems it possible to cancel the like taxation even at the big sacrifice of a colossal revenue, and the Kuomintang recommendation urges that Kwangtung should make a further sacrifice by doing away with fantan.

COTTON MERGER BREAKDOWN.**IMPERIAL BANK DECLINES NECESSARY LOAN.**

Bombay, Apr. 7.

A proposed scheme for a merger of thirty-five cotton textile mills at Bombay has been abandoned because the Government of India has refused to forgo entirely the three and a half per cent stamp duty, which represented an outlay preliminary to the merger of \$250,000.

The Government of India offered the negotiators a rebate of half the amount.

The failure was also due to the inability of the mills to arrange a loan of £7,500,000 with the Imperial Bank of India to finance the merger.—*Reuter*.

DUTCH BANK'S PROGRESS.**SPACIOUS NEW OFFICES OPENED TO-DAY.****SPEECH BY CONSUL.**

The increasing advance made in the business life of Hongkong by the Nederlandisch Indische Handelsbank N. V. was exemplified this morning, when the official opening of the firm's new and spacious premises in Royal Building, which is part of the old King Edward Hotel site, took place in the presence of a large gathering of bankers, brokers and clients.

The ceremony, brief but very happy, took the form of a reception, during which the success of the Bank was enthusiastically toasted.

In proposing this toast, Mr. M. J. Quist (Consul for the Netherlands) said:—Mr. Endert and gentlemen.—We are attending the official opening of the new offices of the Netherlands India Commercial Bank to-day, and as it is customary to say a few words on such an occasion, I am pleased to do so.

It is only a week ago that I said that my connexions with the Java Line dated from the end of 1904; I can go one better in respect of the bank with which I had agreeable relations as early as 1908-9, when a Consular cadet in Singapore. Shipping requires the services and help of the Consul daily, so no banking; it is a rare occasion when the Bank stands in need of me. It is, officially and privately, I who need the Bank.

Bank's History.

Gentlemen, I am not going to weary you with details about the Bank. A few may suffice. The Bank is about 67 years of age. It is a big bank, as you know. Originally more meant for Holland and the Colonies alone, it has gradually established offices at Singapore, Hongkong, in China, Japan and India; the expansion of the Bank the last 15 years or so has been phenomenal.

I know this, namely that the Bank Building at Amsterdam is now double the original size and that the offices in Messrs. Saseoon's building here have proved too small. Commodious and spacious offices have been found in the old King Edward Hotel, now baptised the Royal Building. I am ready to admit—I have this on good authority—that the Bank has been doing good business in the old building, but we hope that Mr. Endert will succeed in still increasing the business—especially the profits, of course—on the new premises.

Happy Atmosphere.

Gentlemen, I liked the atmosphere in the old offices, but I hope that you, co-bankers, clients and brokers will enjoy the atmosphere of this office still better. The latter statement I can make for myself at any rate, as in 1914-1916 on one or two occasions, a good whiskey and soda was dispensed to me in the exact spot in which Mr. Endert has his private office now. By the Bank's and Mr. Endert's courtesy, I am going to enjoy this cup of champagne on the very spot of long ago; my only regret is that when coming to-morrow again, we shall only receive spiritual enjoyment of another kind—business. But this you all know, gentlemen, that we shall continue receiving a fair and square deal at the hands of Mr. Endert. I ask you, gentlemen, to join me in wishing the Bank all possible success in the new premises.

Mr. Endert (Manager), in a brief response, thanked Mr. Quist for his generous references to the Bank and also all their banking friends, brokers and clients who had attended the function that morning to give the Bank an encouraging start in its new home. He could assure them that they would continue to do their utmost to give satisfaction to all concerned with the Bank, and they looked for a continuance of the happy relationship which existed between not only them, their clients, but their brother bankers and the brokers.

ARGENTINIAN GOLD DRAIN.**RESTRICTIVE MEASURES REMOVED.**

Buenos Aires, Apr. 7.

In order to facilitate foreign exchange operations, the Government has decided to allow gold to the value of three-eighths of any transaction to be deposited in Argentinian Embassies abroad in countries enjoying a gold standard.

Historically, owing to the constant drain of gold from the Argentine, restrictive measures have been imposed on gold movements. Recently, Argentinian currency has improved considerably in the exchange markets.—*Reuter*.

YOURA GULLER'S TRIUMPH.**BRILLIANT PLAYING AT YESTERDAY'S RECITAL.**

Little did the audience realise when Youra Guller started her piano recital yesterday that there was in store for them such a musical revelation, such a marvellous performance by a pianist of the first rank. In the first two numbers (eighteenth-century Sonatas by Antonio Soler and Albeniz), the pianist gave little inkling of the tone-power and virtuosity at her command. Delicacy was the dominating note, singing rarely rose above a mezzo-forte—and the easy manner of playing the pieces disguised their difficulties.

In the *Largo* of Leonardo Vincenzo, and Ph. Emmanuel Bach's *Andante*, we were still kept rather in the dark as to Mlle. Guller's full capabilities; all that was best in her playing, the well-defined phrasing, the wonderful range of tonalities, the beautifully finished technique, were apparent only when her first group culminated in Fr. Bach's *Concerto*. The audience realized by then that they were listening to playing such has rarely been heard in this part of the world; they were in the presence of a master of the keyboard and an exponent of the Bach school whose rendering suggested Harold Samuel or Bertrand Cohen at their best. The enthusiasm increased with each moment that passed, and it was a rapt and respectful audience which settled down to listen to the Chopin group which came next on the programme.

Chopin's *Ballade* in F minor, some of his blustery and most poetical works—makes great demands upon the imagination, no less than the technique of the performer, and it is not very often included in programmes. Mlle. Guller proved at once that she possessed those very qualities of poetic feeling and romanticism which are essential to a good Chopin player, and an amazing technique equal to all the difficulties of the *Ballade*. The last three pages, however, would have been more satisfactory if they had been taken at a slightly less hurried pace, which would have obviated a certain amount of blurring and made their musical content clearer. The *Prelude* in F was a little gem. In complete contrast to this and the *Study* in F minor, Youra Guller ended this group with a brilliant rendering of the *Value in A Flat* (Op. 34, No. 1), in which her range of tone-power was disclosed to the full; such virility from a woman pianist of not very robust physique was simply amazing.

Youra Guller confined herself to modern Spanish works in her third group and here again proved the adaptability of her interpretative faculties. It was evident that she had immersed herself in this type of music and thoroughly enjoyed every bar of it. Whether in the gracefulness of the *Dance of Granados*, the languorous lilt of Albeniz's *Tango*, or the brilliance of the same composer's *Triana*, she caught instantly the mood of the music and maintained a satisfying rhythm amidst all the delightful *rumba* in which it abounded. Perhaps the climax of her powers as a virtuoso was reached in the *Dance of the Fire Worshippers* by Dr. Falla, in which it seemed sometimes as though two pianos were playing at once; yet all the while her execution was as clean and facile as it was—from the point of view of outward brilliance—thrilling and hair-raising.

Youra Guller received an enthusiastic reception from the audience who remained in their seats, determined to hear at any rate one encore before their departure. They were rewarded by the performance of Rosenthal's *Papillon*, which was a triumph of delicacy and grace. Her masterly performance is all the more remarkable considering the fact that the pianist was suffering from a sprained ankle which made the pedalling both awkward and painful.

Youra Guller may not be accustomed to playing to such small audiences as a piano recital attracts in this Colony, but at any rate she may have the satisfaction of knowing that at no local piano recital within the writer's memory has an audience come away with such a feeling of satisfaction and genuine amazement.—*ALLEGRO*.

AMERICAN SPEAKER SERIOUSLY ILL.**MR. LONGWORTH SUFFERING FROM PNEUMONIA.**

New York, Apr. 7.

It is announced from Alton in South Carolina, that Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, is seriously ill, suffering from pneumonia.—*Reuters American Service*.

MURDER CHARGE PREFERRED.**CUSTOMS CUTTER SEAMAN MISSING.****TWO BROTHERS HELD.**

The disappearance of a seaman belonging to a Chinese Customs cutter while left in charge of a suspected junk in Chinese waters off Pingchau on December 31 last has excited suspicion of foul play. The matter has engaged the attention of the Hongkong Police authorities by the arrest of two members of the junk's crew, being Chan Ching and Chan Po, brothers.

The facts, as reported previously, are that on December 31 last, a junk was intercepted off Pingchau by the Chinese Customs cutter Pak Tau. On the alleged discovery of a quantity of suspected salt, one of the crew was taken into custody and transferred on board the cutter. At the same time, a seaman from the cutter, named Li Lo, was transferred over to the junk to act as a guard, while the junk was released temporarily with instructions to call at Shamun for the process of interrogation.

The junk did not turn up at Shamun, and the Customs cutter searching for it the following day found it at Pingchau, deserted by the crew. There was no sign of the guard and the suspicion was engendered that he was overpowered by the two members of the crew left behind, dispossessed of his rifle, murdered and his body thrown overboard or otherwise disposed of.

There has so far been no trace of the body of the missing seaman, and in the case in which they are charging Chan Ching and Chan Po, on the capital charge, the police authorities here are proceeding without the production of the body.

Chief Detective Inspector Rey holds today applied for a further week's remand for further investigations, and the case was adjourned until next Wednesday.

AN EXTRADITION PROBLEM.**CHINESE WANTED IN RANGOON.**

A Chinese who is wanted at Rangoon for the alleged disappearance of Rupees 75,000 from a foreign firm there, appeared before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, when he expressed his readiness to return to Rangoon of his own free will, thereby waiving all extradition formalities.

The position created by this choice was defined by Detective Sub-Inspector Elston, who said that in effect the fugitive was a free man until the arrival of the requisition. He wanted to know whether the fugitive was willing to go back voluntarily now, or wait until the arrival of the documents.

Appearing for what he described as "the private prosecutor," Mr. H. C. Macnamara said there had been considerable trouble in getting hold of the fugitive, and argued that the man should not be sent back to Burma without a proper escort. He might escape at the first port of call.

The Magistrate asked if it could be arranged for the fugitive to be met at Singapore by a police officer.

Inspector Elston replied that little benefit would result from that, as a police escort from Burma would have to go through the formality of securing permission from the Singapore police.

The fugitive was formally remanded for another week, to enable the police to consider the position.

WORLD FINANCE CONFERENCES.**MR. MONTAGU NORMAN'S SUGGESTION.**

New York, Apr. 7.

Mr. Montagu Norman, the Governor of the Bank of England, addressing American financiers including Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary to the Treasury Department, and Mr. Meyer, the Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank, urged periodical conferences between the heads of the Federal Reserve Bank and the central banks of Europe.

The statement is reported in the *New York Times*, which also quotes an unnamed participant in the conference as saying that while periodic meetings would not have a binding effect, it would be a short-sighted policy if American officials ignored conditions in foreign countries.

The discussions at the meeting were of a general character, touching broadly upon matters of international finance and trade.

Reuters American Service.

BONDED STORES PROSECUTED.**PREMISES IN UNTIDY CONDITION.****NOMINAL FINES.**

The licences of four bonded liquor warehouses, at 298 to 302, Des Voeux Road West, were summoned by Mr. Todd, of the Imports and Exports Office, before Mr. Schofield at the Central Police Court this morning, the charges being that they failed to comply with certain regulations regarding the upkeep of the premises.

Mr. Todd said the premises were visited on March 19 and 20 by Chief Preventive Officer Bullock, when it was found that the licensees were not complying with certain of the regulations, as, for instance, they had a large number of empty bottles, heaps of sawdust, and packing cases and things like that. In two cases, stocks were so placed that access to them was made difficult. They could not get at these stocks to check them easily. Thirdly, the doors and windows were not satisfactory. The windows were supposed to have wire netting. In one case, a window opening on to Des Voeux Road had no wire netting, and it would be easy to pass goods through the bars.

Mr. Todd:—I am not pressing the case. It is only a technical offence. I understand from the Superintendent that they have been warned several times but have not put their house in order.

Mr. M. K. Lo, for the licensees, remarked that in the ordinary course of things it was to be expected that such things as were necessary for the storage of liquor and were more or less part of it, should accumulate there. He understood, however, that the authorities required the place to be kept in a tidy state and while advising his clients to plead guilty, he told them to see Mr. Todd afterwards to ascertain what was required of them. That course would save the time of the Court.

His Worship imposed nominal fine of \$10 on all four summonses.



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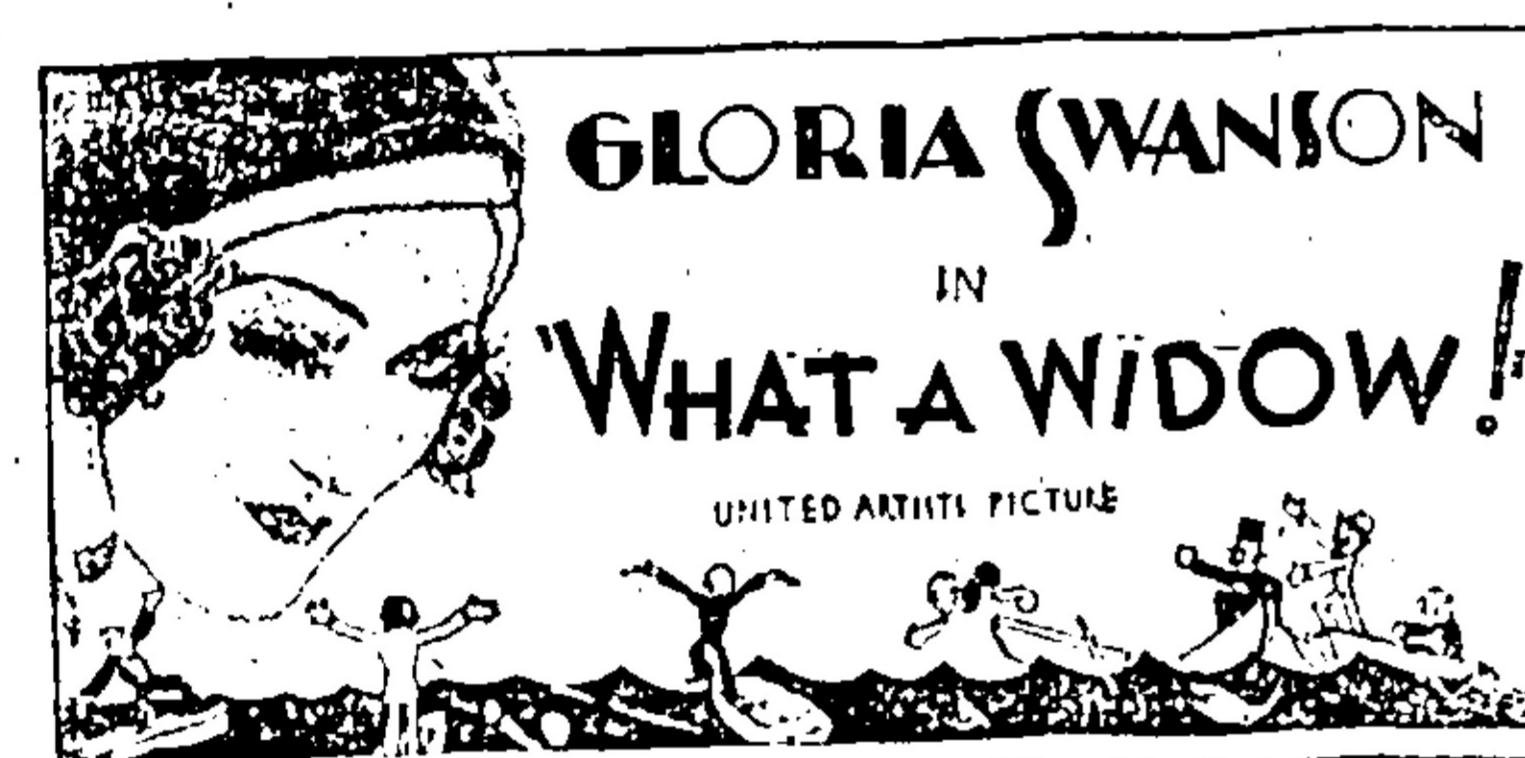
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CANTON RACES.

GOOD SPORT AT INITIAL MEETING.

Canton, Apr. 7.—The opening meeting at the new race course at Shekpal, which has been repeatedly postponed since February 21st owing to wet weather, was successfully held on Sunday last. On making enquiries regarding the many postponements, it was learned that the new course is rather unfortunately located below the level of the surrounding paddy fields, thereby causing a lot of drainage to collect on the course, which being itself poorly drained and having a soft clay surface, very quickly becomes a quagmire. It is understood that a drainage system has been worked out which will overcome this at a very small cost, and is at present engaging the attention of the authorities.

The meeting on Sunday, the primary object of which was to raise funds for the development of a riding school to promote and popularise the sport locally, was only made possible by the untiring efforts of Mr. Chang Mok-hung who spent the whole of the previous three days on the course directing a gang of some hundred coolies to keep the course drained.

Huge Crowds.

It was estimated that over 10,000 people were present at the meeting, the scenes along the road from Tung-chun to Shekpal being without precedent in Canton. A constant stream of motor-cars two miles long was to be seen between 10.30 and 11.30 a.m., while on both sides of the road was a never-ending procession of pedestrains. Owing to the heavy demand for railway transportation during the Ching Ming festival, the railway authorities were unable to provide trains between Tai Shu Tau and Shek-pai as would have been done normally. After 11 a.m. it was impossible to hire a car from any garage in Canton or Tungshan and many people who had not previously booked cars were unable to obtain transport of any kind.

The course was formally opened by H. E. General Chan Ming-shu, who rode round it prior to the first race, the ovation given by the crowd present leaving little doubt as to the popularity of Kwangtung's Civil Governor. Results:

Lotterer's Plate.

Half mile flat race for "D" class ponies owned and ridden by a member, King Thethie (Mr. Rafeek) ... 1 Fifth (Mr. Galloway) 2 Sixth (Mr. Fan Kee-moon) 3 Also ran—Fatty (Mr. Baist), Schick (Mr. Ferguson). Winner (\$1.00); 2nd, \$2.40; 3rd, \$1.00. \$0.50; 2nd, \$1.80; 3rd, \$1.00.

Can Do Cup.

Five furlong flat race for "C" class ponies.

Fuchs (Mr. Schmidt) 1 King Constantine (Mr. Ferguson) 2 Maori (Mr. Hardi) 3

Also ran—Brown Eye (Mr. Lo Min-wan), Fifty (Gen. Wong Kung).

Won by a length, three lengths between 2nd and 3rd. Winner, \$4.50; 1st, \$1.60; 2nd, \$2.60; 3rd, \$1.80.

Ambition Plate.

Five furlong flat race for "B" class ponies.

Zircon II (Mr. Walek) 1 Doric (Mr. Gavin) 2 Possibility (Mr. S. W. Tang) 3

Also ran—Tivi.

Winner, \$1.00; 1st, \$1.10; 2nd, \$1.70.

"High Browns."

Three-quarter mile flat race for "A" class ponies.

Little Monarch (Mr. Ng Sui-tung) 1 Samaritan (Mr. Gavin) 2

Also ran—Rio Colorado, Incor-

tovertible, Discord, Sancho, George,

Maccusla. Winner, \$10.80; 1st, \$1.00; 2nd,

\$1.00; 3rd, \$0.90.

Canton Derby.

Three-quarter mile flat race for new ponies.

Blue Heaven (Mr. Palmer) 1 Naughty Boy (Mr. Neckermann) 2

Bularia (Miss Hayward) 3

Also ran—Gay Caballero, Black

Beauty, Mountain Oak, Blue Wind,

Winner, \$1.80; 1st, \$0.70; 2nd,

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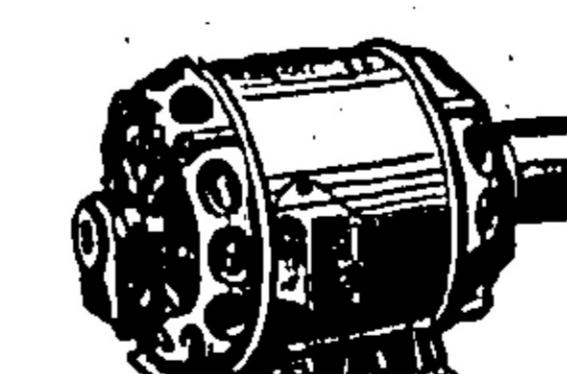
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Flying Squad.

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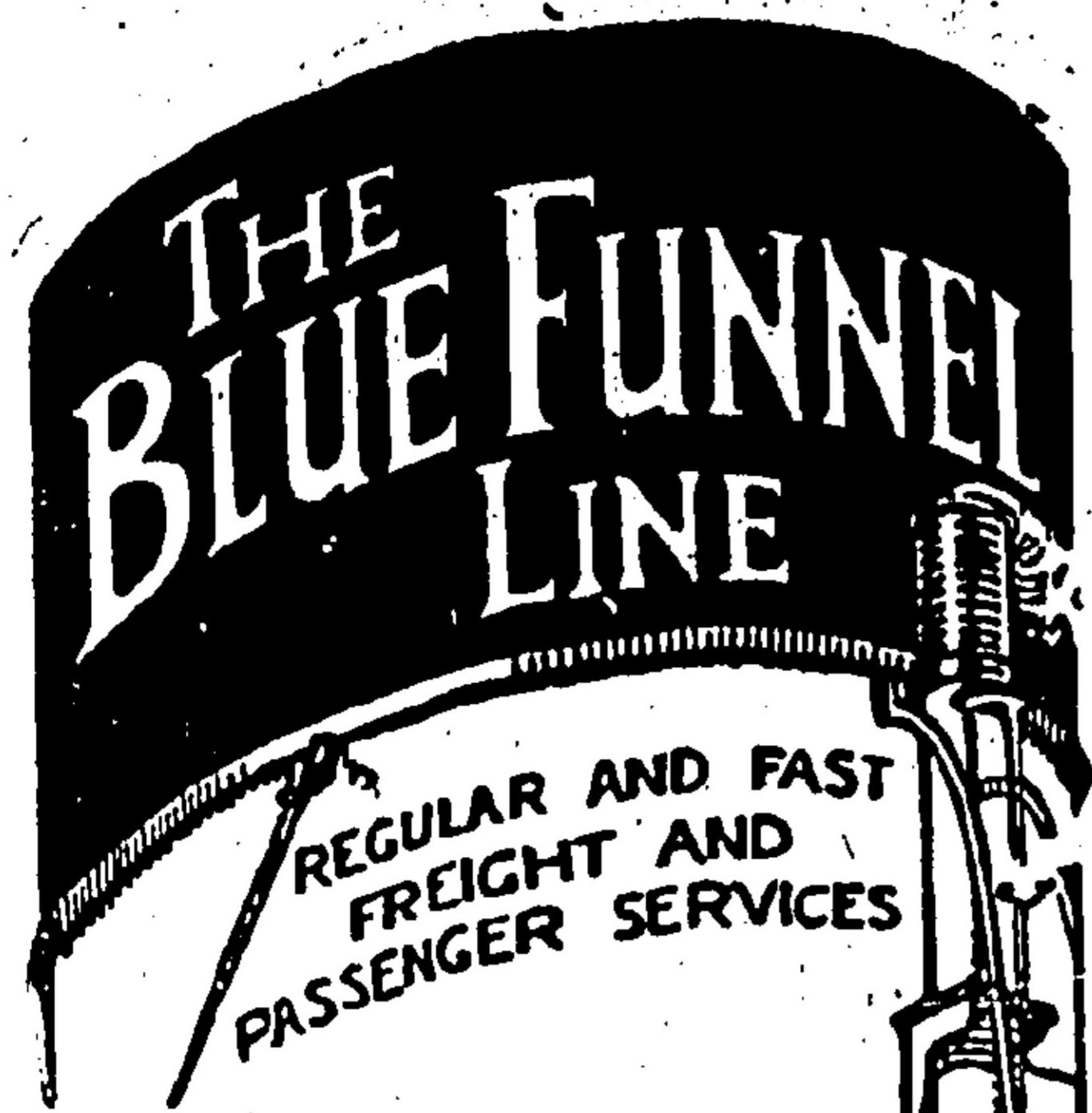
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MAJESTIC HOTEL.**INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE MAY PURCHASE.**

If the Shanghai Municipal Council fails to take up the option offered by the Shanghai Land Investment Company for the purchase of the Majestic site for Tls. 3,500,000, the much-mooted property will pass into the hands of an international syndicate at that figure on April 16 and will be maintained as a social centre and common meeting ground for Chinese and foreigners alike, the Shanghai Evening News and Mercury.

Since it is not considered likely that the Council will take up the option, the sale is considered to be virtually consummated.

The purchasing syndicate was formed Saturday under the leadership of Mr. Li Ming, general manager of the Chekiang Industrial Banks, representing all the leading banking interests of Shanghai, Mr. M. Benjamin, a director of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, Commander F. R. Davy, associated with the Sino-Interest, and Sir Robert Ho Tung of Hongkong.

Equally Divided.

The syndicate, which is composed of seven members, is equally divided in its associated interests with Chinese and foreign business groups. Each member will account for Tls. 500,000 of the purchase price.

It has been decided that the buildings now composing the Majestic will be kept intact. Mr. Benjamin at first proposed that it be used as a centre for Chinese activities but Mr. Li advanced the proposal that it be converted into an international centre. Mr. Benjamin, himself long a resident at the famous hostelry, modified his suggestion, and it has been definitely determined that the organization will function as an international group operating a centre where all nations, races and social groups will meet on cordial terms amid lovely surroundings.

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There still remains the possibility that the ratepayers will act in favour of the suggestion advanced some time ago by Mr. Ernest Harris for the acquisition of the site as a civic centre.

Option Offered.

Following a series of pros and cons and considerable speculation on the subject, Mr. N. L. Sparke of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, present holders of the property, came out with the offer of an option to the Municipal Council at a sales price of Tls. 3,500,000, to hold good until April 16, the date of the ratepayer's meeting.

This price, in view of land values in the Bubbling Well district, was considered an exceptionally fair and reasonable one and backers of the Harris proposal were optimistic concerning the outcome of their campaign.

Later reports emanating from council circles gave evidence of a lukewarm attitude on the part of the councilmen and the situation now rests in the hands of the ratepayers of Shanghai whose action at the forthcoming meeting remains to be seen.

Fears Eliminated.

In any case, the Majestic is saved to Shanghai. It will remain,

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Suggestion for A Civic Centre and Gardens.

Shanghai, Apr. 7.

Messrs. E. F. Harris and G. A. Fitch today forwarded a resolution to the Municipal Council that the Majestic Hotel property be purchased by the Council for use as a public garden and civic centre.

It is understood that the Council is opposed to this idea.

Our Own Correspondent.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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From NEW YORK via MANILA. They are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignee's risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's Wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 7th April.

Optional cargo will not be landed here unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th April, 1931, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th April, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson and Ashe on the 10th April, 1931, at 10 a.m.

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LEGATIONS' REMOVAL.

BEING CONSIDERED BY THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Peking, Apr. 7.

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SIAMESE ROYALTY IN JAPAN.

GIVEN A GREAT WELCOME AT THE CAPITAL.

Tokyo, Apr. 7.
The King and Queen of Siam, aboard the Iliner Empress of Japan, arrived at Yokohama this morning, and were greeted with the booming of a twenty-one gun salute, all the ships in port being brought.

Their Majesties left for Tokyo by special train, thousands of school children, Boy Scouts and revereists lining the route, waving Siamese and Japanese flags.

Later.

Their Siamese Majesties were met at Tokyo station this afternoon by Prince and Princess Chichibu and others. Waiting cars then drove the Royal party through streets lined by cheering spectators to Kasumigasaki Palace, which the Emperor has placed at the disposal of the Royal guests for the whole length of their stay.

A picturesque Japanese lantern procession is being held this evening in their Majesties' honour.

--Reuter.

DEATH OF MR. K. C. LAU.

POPULAR SPORTSMAN PASSES AWAY.

Local sporting circles have lost a popular figure in the death of Mr. K. C. Lau, which occurred early yesterday morning, and his passing will be regretted by many. He was well-known in Hongkong as co-owner with Mr. H. G. Lee, of the "Duke" stable, and was the owner of Mount Elburtz, which enjoyed a good run of success last season. Duke of Chantilly, another, and probably one of the best ponies produced from the Lau and Lee stable, won the Maiden Stakes in 1929, and in the following year won from Monterey Bay in the Old Course Plate.

In business, Mr. Lau was managing director of the China Land and Investment Company, which the Emperor has placed at the disposal of the Royal guests.

A picturesque Japanese lantern procession is being held this evening in their Majesties' honour.

Mr. Lau was unmarried.

CORRESPONDENCE.

History Repeats.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir.—It is a remarkable coincidence that at the very time when there is some correspondence in the Press with regard to the Government's decision to sell Tai Wan beach and census to provide public matches at Repulse Bay and elsewhere, I should, in the course of my researches come upon a document referring to a somewhat similar situation in the ancient Empire of Tynania. The existence of this civilization has only recently been brought to light through the patient researches of archaeologists and as yet not a great deal is known about it beyond the fact that it existed somewhere to the South East of the Gobi desert. The document referred to was found buried beneath great piles of dust in a ruined city the name of which is still a matter of conjecture. I am venturing to quote in extenso because of the interesting light this passage throws on the strange institutions and customs of that time.

"And it fell upon a day that the Emperor of Tynania found the coffers of the State sadly depleted. So he called a Council of all his Wise Men, Soothsayers, Satraps, Wazirs and Myrmidons to deliberate on the matter. Weighty and prolonged were their discussions but there was not any way found whereby the coffers might be replenished which commended itself to them. At length when the Council had already lasted several days, there appeared the Emperor's Jester claiming his privilege of being heard before the assembly. 'O Learned Ones' he said, 'Your humble fool has a suggestion to make; might not silver bells be substituted for golden on the State pagodas and palanquins and thus much money be saved?' Hereupon there arose an ominous murmuring and the Jester discreetly withdrew. So the Council resumed its deliberations but there was no means found whereby to replenish the empty coffers of State. At last there arose an ancient wisest of the Wise men of Tynania, and said, 'Harken, O Wise Men Soothsayers, Satraps, Wazirs and Myrmidons. There is a parcel of ground by the sea-shore where the children of the meaner sort among thy vassals for lack of toys are wont to disport themselves. This parcel of ground might be sold for a great sum and thus might the coffers of State be replenished.' Then there was a great shout from all the Wise Men, Soothsayers, Satraps, Wazirs and Myrmidons, 'Great is the Pundit of Tynania. Let us indeed sell this useless piece of land.' And the Council being ended all dispersed to their palaces, the splendid palanquins making a joyous tinkling in the streets and unseen, in a corner beneath a palace wall, a company of ragged children wept bitterly."

Here the manuscript becomes indecipherable. Certain scholars at present at work on it believe that the remaining portion indicates that the Council relented and describes the rejoicing which was thereby occasioned. But the present state of our knowledge does not warrant any definite conclusion as to the correct reading.

LOCAL RADIO.

SHAKESPEAREAN READING TO BE BROADCAST.

The radio programme to be broadcast by Z. B. W. on wavelength of 855 metres to-day is:—

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7.00-7.30 p.m. Reading from Shakespeare by members of the A.D.C.

8.00 p.m. (Wenther Report. Local Time.)
7.30-8.14 p.m. Variety. Orchestral-Italian Alts.

Victor Novelty Orchestra. 22420. Cornet Solo-My Heaven of Love. Edwin Franco with Goldman's Band. Song-Beyond The Blue Horizon. Jeannette MacDonald (Soprano). 22514.

Song-A Year From To-day. James Melton (Tenor). 22835. Organ Solo-So Beats My Heart For You.

Organ Solo-Just A Little While. Jesse Crawford. 22567.

Male Quartet-Dear Old Girl.

The American Singers. 22487. Song-When They Changed My Name to a Number. Geno Austin (Tenor). 22490.

Vocal-Duet-They Cut Down The Old Pine Tree. Vocal-Duet-Whippoorwill. Geno and Glen. 22385.

8.14-9.00 p.m. Orchestral. Preludes In C Sharp Minor. Rachmaninoff.

Prelude in G Minor.

Victor Concert Orchestra. 35915. Blue Danube Waltz (Johann Strauss). Wedding Dance (Paul Lincke).

International Concert Orch. 35927. Blanche-Overture (Wagner).

Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. 6614, 6615, and 6646.

Sakuntala-Overture (Cari Goldmark).

Victor Symphony Orchestra. 22535. 9.30-9.48 p.m. Gemma From The Tales.

"Follow Thru."

Victor Light Opera Group. 35970.

"Whoopie."

Victor Light Opera Co. 35969.

9.48-10.30 p.m. Concert Items.

Clair De Lune (Moonlight) (Debussy).

Harold Bauer (Pianist). 7122.

Pianoforte Solo-Novelle in D. (Schumann).

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Song-Good-Bye (Tosti).

Song-Oh, Lovely Night (Sir Landon Ronald).

Dame Nellie Melba (Soprano). 6222.

Violin-Solo-Larghetto (Weber-Kreisler).

Fritz Kreisler. 1505.

Song-I Love To Hear You Singing (Lillian Glauvian-Haydn Wood).

John McCormick (Tenor). 1426.

Pianoforte Solo-Capric Espagnole (Mozart).

Pianoforte Solo-Bohemian Dance (Smotana).

Wilhelm Bachaus. 7121.

Song-Love's Old Sweet Song (Clifton Higham-J. Molloy).

Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano).

Violin Solo-A Dream (Charles Cory-J. Bartlett).

Violin Solo-Macushla (Rowe-MacMurrough).

Renee Chemet. 1442.

10.30 p.m. Close-Down.



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*KIDDERPORE	5,334	5th May.	Straits, Colombo & B'bay
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May.	M'les, L'don, Hull, Rotterdam & Antwerp
COMORIN	15,132	23rd May.	Bombay, M'les & L'don
+KASHMIR	8,985	6th June.	Rottordam & Antwerp
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MAN STABBED WITH A POCKET KNIFE.

CHEATING AT CARDS.

Following a quarrel during a gambling game, two young Chinese engaged in a fight and both were subsequently removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment of injuries. One of the men struck the other across the head with a clog while he himself received a stab wound in his back.

The affair, which took place in Graham Street on March 31, had a sequel before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning when charges of disorderly conduct were brought against the two men.

According to Detective Sergeant Naughton, the men had been playing cards and one accused the other of cheating. The second defendant, who was the alleged defaulter, tore up the cards which belonged to the first defendant. A fight ensued, and the second defendant struck the first across the head with a clog, but in return received a stab wound with a pocket knife from the first defendant.

His Worship remarked that the second defendant was the aggressor but at the same time reprimanded the first defendant for resorting to such a dangerous weapon as a knife.

The first defendant was fined \$5 and the second \$10, while both were bound over to be of good behaviour for the period of one year.

OIL PROSPECTORS HAMPERED.

BIG COMPANIES TO STOP DEVELOPMENT.

New York, Apr. 7.

It is reported from Bogota, the capital of Colombia, that two large American oil companies, the Texas Petroleum Company and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation have announced their inability to continue development work in the oilfields of Columbia in the face of the new Government

KING GEORGE'S SICKNESS.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM OR ANXIETY.

London, Apr. 7. It was stated at Windsor Castle to-day that His Majesty the King is suffering from an attack of sub-acute bronchitis. He is making slow but satisfactory progress. The statement was in the form of a bulletin and bore no doctor's signature.

The King is not confined to bed, but he remained to-day in his bedroom, where he transacted official business.

Sub-acute bronchitis is a mild form of bronchitis and the term might be applied to a cold on the chest. It gives no cause for alarm or anxiety.

During the day, Lord Dawson of Penn drove from London to see His Majesty, and Sir Milson Rees, laryngologist to the Royal Household, also paid him a short visit.

—British Wireless.

GREAT LOCKOUT IN NORWAY.

ALMOST EVERY INDUSTRY AFFECTED.

Oslo, Apr. 7.

As the culmination of a long drawn out wages dispute, a great lockout which has been threatening Norwegian industrial life for some time past, appears to be materializing.

Work is to cease in the iron and steel industry, the engineering and mining industries, the textile and building industries, and several other industries, including the printing departments of provincial newspapers from tomorrow night.

The lockout will involve at least 43,000 workers immediately, while the employers have given notice of a lockout in certain other industries as from April 15, affecting a further 25,000 men.—*Reuter's American Service.*

regulations.

The regulations impose restrictions which make it impossible for prospectors to continue and the geologists of these companies are, it is stated, being withdrawn.—*Reuter's American Service.*

ECHO OF 1925 STRIKE.

DESERTING CONSTABLE BROUGHT TO BOOK.

FINE OPTION GRANTED.

Before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, there was an echo of the 1925 strike, when a Chinese constable appeared before his Worship on the serious charge of desertion from the Hongkong Police Force after less than a year's service on a five years' contract.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth (Assistant Superintendent of Police) appeared for the prosecution.

The defendant pleaded guilty to the charge.

In reply to his Worship, Mr. Booth said the defendant, who joined the Police Force on August 13, 1924, deserted on July 3, 1925, that was at the beginning of the 1925 strike.

His Worship:—Was he alone in deserting?

Mr. Booth:—I have not got the actual figures of those who deserted during the 1925 strike, but comparatively few, I think 15 altogether, deserted. As a percentage there were very few deserters.

Mr. Booth, in reply to another question, said he was asking for a severe sentence as a deterrent to others. The defendant told the police that he had been in Hongkong, since his desertion, for the past two years, carrying on a grocery business in Portland Street, Yaumati. This business had since gone bankrupt. The police had not been able to ascertain how long he had been in the colony, but knew he had been here for at least a few months.

His Worship imposed sentence of two months' hard labour.

The defendant applied for the option of a fine and in granting the request his Worship remarked that it was an extraordinary time when he had deserted and there might have been some influence brought to bear on him. It was also such a long time ago.

The option of a fine of \$120 was allowed.

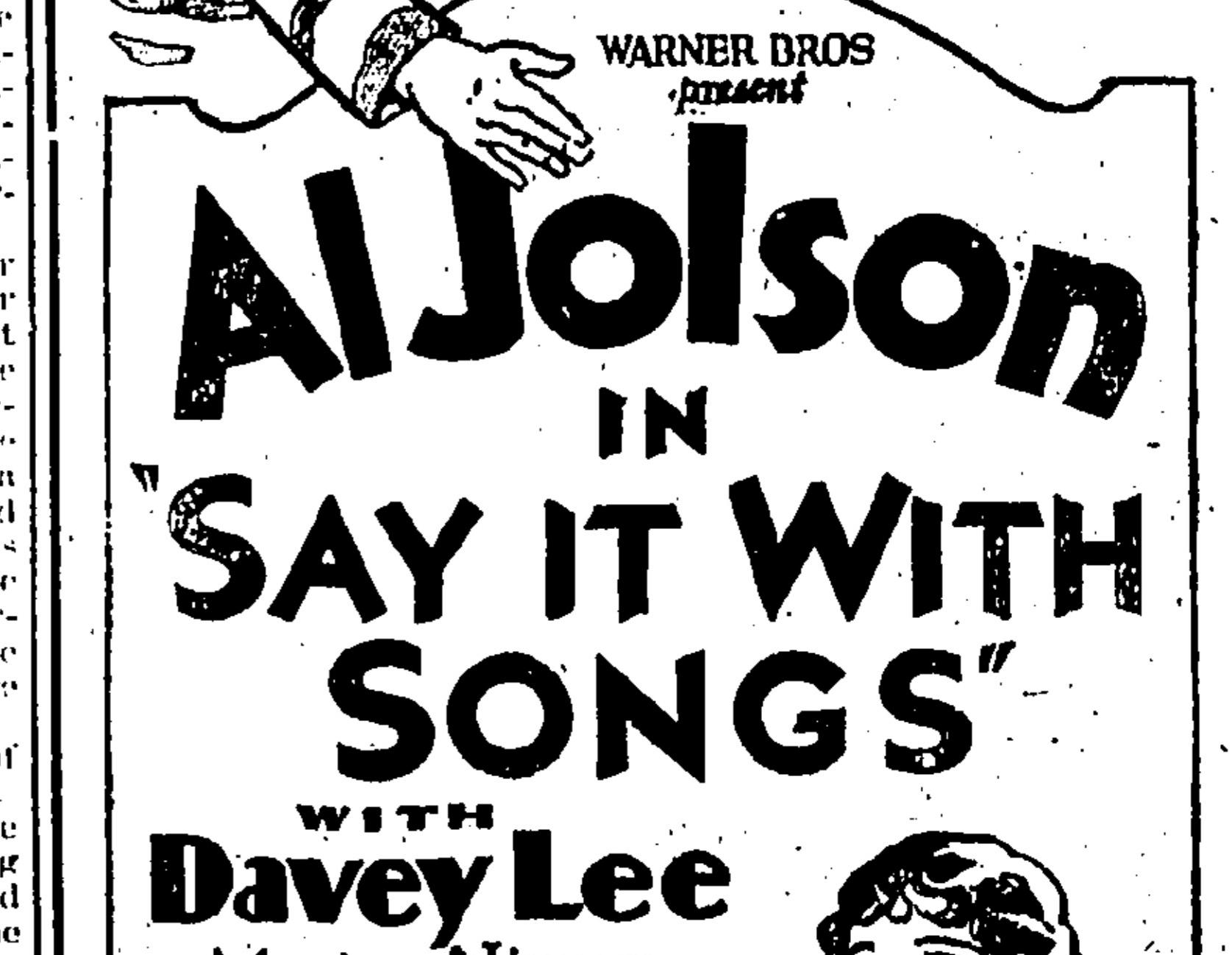
The rainfall registered at the Observatory for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 1.42 inches. This makes the year's total 5.75 inches, against an average of 7.25 inches.



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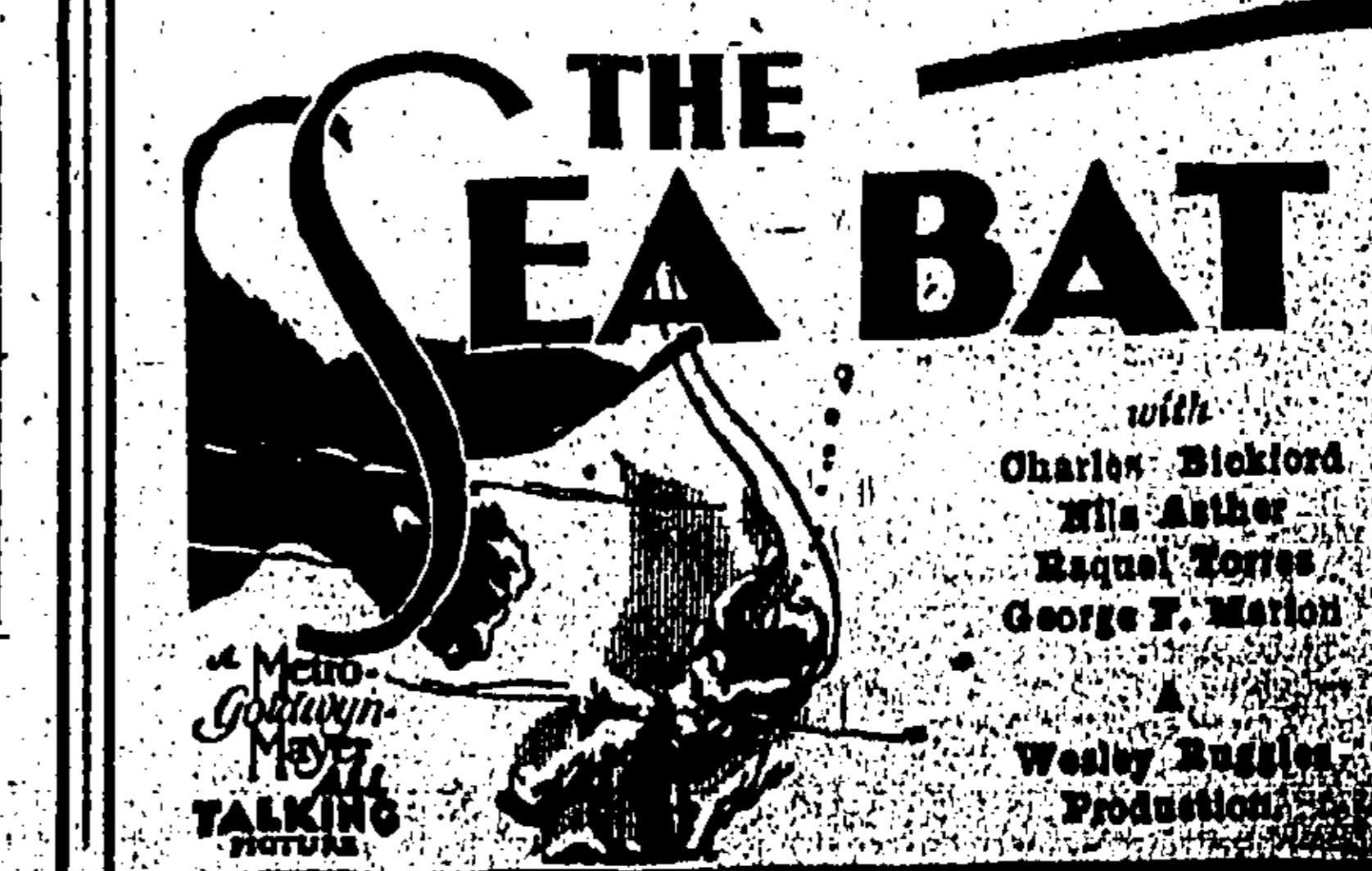


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